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PRE AMENDMENT  
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In re Application of: )

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Application No.: 10/058,121 )

Filed: January 29, 2002 )

For: MINUTE DROPLET FORMING )  
METHOD AND MINUTE DROPLET )  
FORMING APPARATUS )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This is a Continuation-In-Part application of International Patent Application serial No.  
PCT/JP00/05221 filed on August 3, 2000 now pending.

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3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Payment

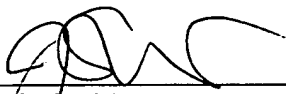
- ☒ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension of time fee, additional fee for claims or fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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